

In addition to the above, many interesting communications were made at the joint meetings of the Academy and the Section.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were:—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	Harold Wingate.
<i>Vice Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	John C. Wilson.
<i>Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	Dr. Robert J. Hess.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	Dr. Isaac Norris, Jr.
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	Charles P. Perot.
<i>Corresponding Sec.</i>	.	.	.	.	Dr. Charles Schæffer.

Very respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. HESS, M. D.,
Recorder.

REPORT OF THE CONCHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Recorder of the Conchological Section reports that the more important work transacted during the year has been the regular issue of the *Manual of Conchology* and the arrangement of the cabinet in connection with the necessary study of material as the several families have been reached. Four numbers of each of the two series of the *Manual* have been published, the parts of the marine series embracing the Turbinidae, Delphinulidae and portion of the Trochidae, while the parts of the second series devoted to the land mollusca treat of the Helicidae of the West Indies and South America. The former consists of 320 pages of text and 75 plates while the latter includes 279 pages and 70 plates. The Section has pleasure in acknowledging the efficient services of the editor, Mr. Henry A. Pilsbry, to whom belongs the credit of maintaining the standard of excellence established by Mr. Tryon. It is gratifying to be able to report that the work is more than self-supporting. The meetings held in connection with the Academy, in harmony with the suggestion adopted by the latter last spring, have been rendered interesting by communications from Messrs. Pilsbry, Baker, Heilprin, Ford, Campbell and U. C. Smith. At the meeting held Dec. 5th, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	W. S. W. Ruschenberger.
<i>Vice Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	John Ford.
<i>Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	Edward J. Nolan.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	J. H. Redfield.

<i>Treasurer,</i>	. . . . .	S. R. Roberts.
<i>Librarian,</i>	. . . . .	Edward J. Nolan.
<i>Conservator,</i>	. . . . .	Henry A. Pilsbry.

Since the last annual meeting of the Section specimens have been received from forty-three persons, numbering in all 851 trays and 6,636 specimens. This brings the aggregate number of trays in the museum to 52,787. The more valuable series received are those collected by Prof. Heilprin at the Bermuda Islands, the Lower Californian shells purchased by the Conchological Section from Henry Hemphill, and a series of shells from Tonquin, China, and the East Indies obtained of the Abbé Vathelet. Valuable additions to the fauna of our eastern coast have been received from Messrs. Uselma C. Smith and John Ford. We have also received from various correspondents of the Conservator, several hundred species of United States and Mexican land and fresh-water shells, including a number of new species, part of which have been already published in the Proceedings of the Academy.

During the year the arrangement of the families Neritidæ and Turbinidæ, in progress at the time of the last report, has been completed, and that of the Trochidæ, Stomatellidæ and Scissurellidæ will be completed by the end of the present month. Of the Helices, the groups monographed in the Manual during the year have been arranged, and work begun on the groups of European Helices, heretofore in a chaotic condition. The conservator having secured the assistance of Mr. Baker during a part of each day, can now complete the arrangement of all unarranged groups as far as the Manual has progressed as soon as additional cases can be secured. Museum work on the land shells has at present temporarily ceased from lack of room.

H. A. PILSBRY,

Conservator.

EDWARD J. NOLAN,

Recorder.

REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Entomological Section, during the past year, has been much benefited by an evident increase of interest at its meetings. These have been held regularly each month, excepting during the July and August vacation. There has been a large attendance of members and associates. One member and one associate member have been elected since the last report.